

Weekly Status & Information Report: November 12 - 16, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of November 19, 2012:

- City Council meeting with members of the City Manager Selection Task Force, Monday, November 19, 6 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
  - City Council meeting, Monday, November 19, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
  - Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, Tuesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Thanksgiving Holiday Closings: The City of Takoma Park will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22 through Sunday, Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. However, the Library will be open regular hours on Saturday, Nov. 24. The Police Department is always open. Have a wonderful holiday! (Deputy City Manager)

3. Council Schedule: The City Council will not meet the Monday after Thanksgiving (November 26). Following the December 3 meeting, the Council will be on recess until January 7, 2013. (City Clerk)

4. Scribbler's Cabal: Join us on Saturday November 17 for our monthly Scribbler's Cabal with Dave Burbank. Young artists are invited to come and share ideas and inspiration. Best for elementary age kids. All are invited! 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Library)

5. Tribal Traditions: On Monday November 19, Tomas Eaglebear and family members will return to showcase their tribal traditions in an evening of songs, dance and stories. All are invited! 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library (Library)

6. Trash and Recycling Schedule for Thanksgiving Holiday: The Thursday trash and recycling route will be collected on Wednesday, November 21. The Friday trash and recycling route will be collected on Saturday, November 24. (Public Works)

7. Takoma Langley Crossroads Sector Plan at County Council - November 27: A public hearing for the Takoma Langley Crossroads Sector Plan will be held at the Montgomery County Council meeting November 27 at 1:30 p.m. The public may provide testimony on the Sectional Map Amendment process, which is the implementation of the approved plan's recommendations for creating a mixed-use Town Center at the Crossroads area. To testify, contact the County Office at 240-777-7803. The meeting will be held at the Council Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. (Housing and Community Development)

8. Holiday Festivities: Be sure to check out We are Takoma's holiday offerings on our Facebook page. The screening of the documentary the "Lucky Few," the DC Labor Chorus' Holiday Concert, the annual Holiday Art Sale, and a performance by the Akhmedova Ballet are but a sampling of the many free events planned. [www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events). (Housing and Community Development)

9. Double Dutch Continues!: Double Dutch is a fun and aerobic endurance workout that includes single rope jumping, double dutch turning, jumping, stretching and jogging. This program is held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on Thursdays (6:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) for ages 6-14 under the direction of volunteer Karena Brooks. Come on out and enjoy the fun. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

10. Suto Dance, Still Going Strong!!: On Saturdays at Takoma Park Recreation Center, Suto Dance offers classes in ballet, tap, jazz and street jam. Suto Dance offers a professional, well organized dance program as well as produces a spectacular annual dance performance. These classes are fun, creative, trendy, and upbeat. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

11. Fitness Expo 2013 Is Right Around The Corner: On Saturday, January 5, Takoma Park Recreation Center will be host to a Fitness Expo (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). 20 minute demonstrations, interactive presentations, health screenings/seminars and much more. Mark your calendar!! For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

12. Friday Night LIVE: The Teen Department along with Project MOVE held a Harvest Festival last Friday, November 9, 2012 at the Takoma Park Community Center. The festival was open to all ages. Attendees participated in games (Human Tic-tac-toe, chain relays, eating contests, etc), arts and crafts, and food. Goodie bags were given to each attendee at the end of the night. For more information about teen programs and activities please contact, Leicia Monfort at (301) 891-7283 or [LeiciaM@takomagov.org](mailto:LeiciaM@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

13. AARP Driver Safety Course: The Takoma Park Recreation Department is proud to announce a new partnership program - the AARP Driver Safety Course. The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. The course covers the "latest rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate a vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment." Some insurance companies operating in Maryland consider drivers who take the course qualified for an auto premium reduction or discount. Beginning in April 2013, the Recreation Department will offer the first in a series of these courses. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at 301-891-7280 or [paulal@takomagov.org](mailto:paulal@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

14. Reaching Out to Baby Boomers: Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, Takoma Park Recreation Department, attended the opening day of the LERN (Learning Resources Network) Annual Conference in Washington, DC on Thursday, November 15. The

topic of interest encompassed learning about "Baby Boomers" and how to reach out to this population. As this growing segment of the population ages, their specific needs will be shaping the future of recreation programming for older adults. (Recreation)

15. Officers in Training:

- On November 12, Lt. Frishkorn and Sgt. Holmes attended training entitled "Sex Crimes Investigations" in Fairfax, Virginia.
- On November 16 – December 3, Pfc. Gaines-Brown attended training entitled "Fundamentals of Criminal Investigations" at MPCTC in Sykesville, Maryland. (Police)

16. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (November 9-15, 2012) may be viewed online at [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/11/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_15.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/11/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_15.html). (Police)

17. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 76 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one vehicle impound and one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic.

During November 12-15, 2012, the following details were completed:

November 12, 2012

- 1100 block of University Boulevard (Safety Equipment Violation Order – SERO enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.
- New Hampshire Avenue and Holton Lane (no u-turn enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citations and two warnings.

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- University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue (Safety Equipment Violation Order – SERO enforcement) – conducted a 90-minute detail and issued five warnings and four SEROs.

November 15, 2012

- Hilltop Avenue and Geneva Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and three warnings.
- Hilltop Avenue and Geneva Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning. (Police)

18. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week of November 15

State citations: 10

Calls for service: 7

Reports: 2

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 1

Warnings issued: 1

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 1

Court time: 4 hours

(Police)